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## DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Date: December 6, 2017

To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Jessica R. Pearson, Executive Officer

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting December 14, 2017

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The main focus for our upcoming Council meeting will be a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) hearing for the Delta Levees Investment Strategy, Performance Measures, and Conveyance, Storage Systems, and the Operation of Both Amendment (Delta Plan Amendments). We will be conducting our normal Council business during the first portion of the meeting, and continuing into the evening for the hearing. The meeting will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

The Council's main role in the CEQA hearing is to listen to public comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). We want to make sure that everyone who wants to provide comments has an opportunity to speak and have the Council hear and consider their comments. This entire hearing will be recorded by a certified court reporter. The transcript of the hearing and all written materials presented during the hearing will be made part of the administrative record for the Delta Plan Amendments, as appropriate. As with all Council meetings, this meeting will be webcast on the internet, and the audio and video will be available for later review.

The Council meeting itself will start at 2:00 p.m. and is expected to conclude around 3:30 p.m. The public hearing for the Delta Plan Amendments PEIR will begin at 4:00 p.m. The public hearing will end at 7:00 p.m. or when the last speaker has been heard. Chief Deputy Executive Officer Jessica Law will be acting in my place at this meeting.

Due to the public hearing, we have left the Council agenda very light. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are attached, and some additional handouts will be provided at the meeting. Major items on the agenda are the Executive Officer's Report, which will include an update on the ecosystem amendment process, a presentation on staff's proposed approach to a five-year review of the Delta Plan, and the Lead Scientist's Report.

Please note that parking for the West Sacramento Galleria is located across the street between West Capitol Avenue and Merkley Avenue. We will have water on hand for Council members, but likely will not break for dinner. Please consider bringing some snacks with you.

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054

As always, time for public comment on these agenda items, as well as any item of relevance to the Council, will be available. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [jpearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:jpearson@deltacouncil.ca.gov) or contact Jessica Law at (916)-445-3145 or [Jessica.Law@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.Law@deltacouncil.ca.gov).